

January 6, 2011

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 696X), CSX Transportation Inc.- Abandonment Exemption-in Lucas County, OH

Dear Ms. Brown:

On March 12, 2010, the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") served a Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment in the above-entitled proceeding for the approximately 4.15 miles of rail line on CSX Transportation, Inc.'s ("CSXT") Northern Region, Chicago Division, Toledo Terminal Subdivision, between Temperance (milepost CTT 5.0) and Vulcan (milepost CTT 9.15), in Lucas County, OH. CSXT and Metroparks of the Toledo Area ("Metroparks") were authorized to negotiate interim trail use/railbanking over the Line until September 9, 2010. On September 3, 2010, the Board served a Decision allowing for the extension of the NITU negotiating period until March 9, 2011.

Metroparks and CSXT have reached an agreement in principal and are diligently working to finalize the agreement, but may need additional time beyond March 9, 2011. Therefore, Metroparks respectfully requests the Board to grant an extension of the period for Metroparks to negotiate trail use for the Line with CSXT. Metroparks contends that there is good cause for the extension of the negotiating period to June 30, 2011.

Metroparks is a local governmental entity and therefore requests waiver of the filing fee for this extension under 49 C.F.R. 1102.2(e)(1). Metroparks is efileing this letter.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

Donald R. Rettig
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Director

Cc: CSX Transportation, Inc.

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